

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<i>In re</i> Application of:)	
Hamilton)	Group Art Unit:
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Serial No.: Unassigned)	
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Filed: December 28, 2001)	Unassigned
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For: System and Method for Determining a Natural)	
Color Depth of a Digital Image)	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified patent application, filed on even date herewith, contingent upon the grant of the Petition to Accept Color Drawings in a Utility Patent Application Under 37 CFR. 1.84(a)(2), also filed on even date herewith, as follows.

I. In the Brief Description of the Drawings:

On page 4, line 29, please insert the following paragraph:

The file of this patent contains two color drawings. Copies of this patent with the color drawings will be provided by the Patent and Trademark Office upon request and payment of the necessary fee.

Entry of the foregoing preliminary amendment is requested and a Notice of Allowance is earnest solicited. Please contact the undersigned at (206) 381-3900 regarding any questions or concerns associated with the present matter



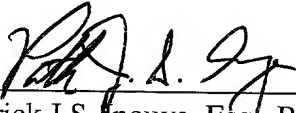
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Respectfully submitted,

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